



# Matrimonial & Divorce Law

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AGE 45 & UNDER  
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### EDUCATION

Seton Hall University, B.A., magna cum laude, 1992

Seton Hall University Law School, J.D., 1995

### AFFILIATIONS

Certified Matrimonial Lawyer, New Jersey Supreme Court

American Bar Association Matrimonial Trial Academy, Completed 2001

New Jersey State Bar Association, Family Law Section

American Association for Justice, Family Law Section

Family Law Executive Committee, Essex County Bar Association

Member, Morris County Bar Association

Instructor, Matrimonial Law for Paralegals

Pro Bono Counsel, Morris County Battered Women Legal Advocacy Program

Lecturer, American Association for Justice, ICLE and American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Named to "Super Lawyers" (2005-present), and to "Top 100 Matrimonial Lawyers" (2009)

Angelo Sarno is already one of Northern New Jersey's leading young divorce lawyers, particularly in the courtrooms of Essex and Morris counties, where he's built a reputation as a strong litigator. In some respects, the 42-year-old Sarno's professional style is still evolving: Peers say he's a rare blend of high-energy aggressiveness and shrewd cautiousness, yet still fully at ease with himself and quietly confident. Born and raised in Bloomfield in Essex County, Sarno remains deeply rooted to friends and family there.

He knew the law awaited him "because I'd seen divorces – and near-divorces – first hand, and I knew I had the temperament to be a positive influence," adding, "If I weren't a family lawyer I'm not sure I'd be practicing law." Still, the methodical Sarno said he wanted to "test the waters" of family law as an intern both to an Essex County matrimonial lawyer, and as a law clerk for Superior Court Judge Thomas P. Zampino. ("A great influence and one of the reasons I'm doing what I do today.") Sarno also learned from dozens of trial lawyers in Zampino's court; "I absorbed everything I could, from every one, but I think I've developed my own style." Sarno is regarded as a leading trial attorney in divorce law, an advocate unbowed by threats and high-volume intimidation.

and "collaborative" settlements. Some of his cases are high-stakes international custody matters, which have spurred trials two and three weeks in duration. Thus Sarno, at an early age, has become a respected fixture of the courthouses of Newark and Morristown, among others.

Today he tries upwards of eight or nine cases a year – a huge number in this age of mediation

## Observations & Perspectives

from Angelo Sarno

People come to Snyder & Sarno because they're familiar with our record and our reputation. But we have our own distinct personal reputations, and I know that they complement one another. People in the community know each of us. Stability is one of our strengths. It's rare to see that at any firm these days. My first conversation with a client is pretty one-sided – I just listen, and ask questions. I may ask about marriage counseling. Are you ready for all this? By the end of that first discussion we have usually come full circle – you've described a complete picture of your situation, and you've at least attempted to think things through.

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We assign our cases as teams, with the best personal fit in mind. Partners and associates work together on your behalf. In that respect it's a very personal process. A positive rapport has to develop. Having the right fit – the right lawyer for the right type of

case – really makes all the difference in reaching a lasting resolution. That's how you can move on meaningfully with your life.

When you hire us, you know we're not inexpensive. What you're paying for is our ability to accurately predict what a judge is likely to do, and we must do that as efficiently as possible. So I don't sugar coat what I think a judge's ruling will most likely be.

I'm known for going to court – and being effective in court. That's what litigation is all about. But we don't litigate to win – we litigate to secure what you are entitled to. That's how we've always approached it.



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